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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM:

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RE:

Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda

County Claims Board Recommendation

Mayra Judith Romero, et al. v. Daniel Emile Rodriguez, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 685 203

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachment

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled <u>Mayra Judith Romero</u>, et al. v. <u>Daniel Emile Rodriguez</u>, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 685 203 in the amount of \$256,500 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Fire Department's budget.

This lawsuit arises from injuries allegedly sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee from the Fire Department.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME

Romero, Mayra Judith, et al. v. Rodriguez, Daniel

Emile, et al.

CASE NUMBER

BC685203

COURT

Los Angeles Superior Court

DATE FILED

November 29, 2017

COUNTY DEPARTMENT

Fire Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

256,500 (\$210,000 for Mayra Romero; \$46,500 for Jason Engle)

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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NATURE OF CASE

This lawsuit arises from a multiple vehicle collision that occurred on December 21, 2016, when an initial collision caused Battlion Chief Dan Rodriguez to collide into multiple vehicles at the intersection of Alameda Avenue and 74th Street. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final

settlement of the case is warranted.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

3,574

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

13,376